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## 'March of Dimes' Has Great Meaning for Little H. C. Boy

Over in Harbor City there is a little chap just turned six, who knows better than most of us what all this "March of Dimes" means.

Little Buddy Martens, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Martens of 1643 252nd street, was taken sick last September shortly after school opened and is just now able to get around a little. His left leg was paralyzed from the hip down but after months of treatment, which are still continuing, the hip and upper leg are much improved and he gets about now with the aid of a brace.

Complete recovery will be a matter of months if not several years but Buddy is a game little fellow and he and his mother are fighters and each time she takes him to the clinic they are both happy over improvement shown.

Little Verne Barry, seven-year-old playmate of Buddy's is still in the Orthopedic hospital. He was taken ill shortly after Buddy contracted infantile paralysis, but latest reports from the hospital are that Verne is improving and may be able to come home soon.

So, when the children of Harbor City contribute a dime for a button they think of their schoolmates, Buddy and Verne, and hope people will do all they can to help little boys who have been afflicted with this terrible scourge.



BUDDY MARTENS, schoolmates think of him

## New Building Picks Up Here

New construction in Torrance during the past 10 days amounted to \$15,110, according to a check made this week at the city engineer's office where building permits are issued. This total included four new homes.

The permits issued were: General Petroleum Corporation refinery for installation of an absorber foundation and tower, \$560, and structural support for coolers and cooling tower at a re-run unit, \$300; Safeway Store for installation of plate glass in front of market at 1301 Sartori, \$600, and Wendell Forgie, five-room frame stucco house with garage attached at 607 Madrid, \$2,700.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eld, Compton, for a five-room frame stucco house and single garage, 2317 Carson street, \$2,300; George Gould, Lomita, five-room frame house and double garage, 24223 Nece avenue, Walthers, \$2,500; C. C. M. O. for repairs to Torrance well No. 71 on Cedar on Cedar one block north of Sepulveda, \$1,000; erection of a 90-foot wooden derrick near Maple and Torrance boulevard, \$800, and another 90-foot wooden derrick over Torrance Del Amo No. 27, \$800.

R. Rogers, five-room frame stucco house and single garage, at 2207 Carson street, \$3,250, and the Pedro Petroleum Corporation for two oil tanks installed at 2267 231st street, \$300.

## LOMITA POET TAKES FIRST HONORS IN RHYMES CONTEST

Mayor Tolson headed the list of several Torrance business men and women who judged the Herald News rhymesters' offerings this week and selected five fine rhymes.

**First Prize Winner**  
Mrs. Ruth Simmons of 2257 248th street, Lomita will kindly call at the Herald Office for the first prize of \$1.

**Second Prize Winner**  
The winning rhyme: "The Spirella garment will indeed help you out if you're in need. Makes you very, very flat. Where there is nothing now but fat."

**Third Prize Winner**  
Mrs. George W. Murphy of Lomita should call at the Herald-News office in Torrance for two tickets to the Torrance theatre. If you will also call on Mrs. Attebery she will be glad to give you one of her famous chicken dinners.

**Fourth Prize Winner**  
The winning rhyme: "Where Price & Quality Meet" Featuring The Old Original Virginia (Continued on Page 2-A)

**Attorney's Ranch**  
Dinner House  
Southern Fried Chicken.....5c  
Family Style Dinners  
11 a. m. to 8 p. m. Every Day  
etc.

**Secretary's Office**  
Mrs. M. E. Attebery, Prop.  
4019 W. Sepulveda Blvd.  
Torrance, Calif. Redondo 6802  
The winning rhyme:  
"Come out of the kitchen, come out and play,  
Take your family to Attebery's, out Sepulveda way.  
Their family style meals are fine,  
their So. Style Chicken,  
That serve no liquors, Hurrah!  
Let's give them a hand!"

**Third Prize Winner**  
Mrs. Neal Webb, Jr., 1420 1/2 Marcella avenue will kindly call at the Herald-News office for

## City Operating Buses; Pay Fares Start

### Evening School Now Offering New Subjects

New classes in Civil Service and Blue Print Reading and Mechanical Drawing are starting in the Torrance Adult Evening School on Monday night, Feb. 5, at 7 o'clock, according to announcement made by C. B. Baldwin, principal. The work is under expert instruction and is supervised by the Los Angeles City Board of Education. New enrollments are now being taken for these new classes as well as for those now operating. New unit courses are being planned in all subjects.

The instruction is free. There is no cost to the student for the use of equipment, some materials being furnished free of charge. Where there is any charge for materials, it is at cost and only for what the student uses himself.

The school operates on Monday and Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 9 p. m. (One class starts at 6:30.)

The schedule of activities follows: Comptometer (Computing machines); Shorthand, Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced; Typing, Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced; Art, Leather, Art Metals, and Wood (on Wednesday night only); Physical Education for Women, Exercises and Games; Sewing and Dressmaking, Millinery; P. B. X. board.

### Dime Buttons Winning Support

"The only war raging in the United States is the war against infantile paralysis—and it looks like we're winning that one," Postmaster Earl Conner said today in commenting on the support given the 1940 "March of Dimes" campaign locally.

Indications at present appear that the Torrance committee, of which Conner is general chairman, will make its quota of selling 5,000 "March of Dimes" lapel buttons. Several members, he said, have reported their quotas as 80 to 100 percent sold, and very favorable reports are coming in from others.

"The remainder of the drive, which concludes on Jan. 30, rests entirely with the committee and our citizens. As chairman, I am naturally hoping for a 100 percent sale of buttons. The cooperation we are receiving from all of Torrance is indeed gratifying."

### Open Bids for Street Culvert

Four bids were opened at city council meeting Tuesday night on the proposed construction of a rail-top concrete box culvert at Hawthorne avenue and 238th street to relieve flood conditions in that area during periods of rain storms.

The lowest bid was apparently that of John S. Mitchell of Los Angeles, who offered to install the culvert for \$925. Other bids were: Griffith Company, \$1,100; Vido Kovacevich, \$1,195, and Tomel Construction Company, \$1,500. The engineer's estimate was approximately \$900.

All bids were referred to the city attorney and city engineer for checking and report at the next regular meeting.

### Steel Workers Attend Fresno Conventions

Two gatherings in Fresno last week held the interest of eight Columbia Steel workers, Carl Steele, J. A. McVicar and Arthur Hazel attended the California Congress for Democratic Action when more than 500 Democrats instructed various elected officials what was wanted by the state.

Five others, Kenny C. Beight, John Hanks, Wayne Bishop, H. J. O'Neil and Francis Buchman, were delegates from the local S. W. O. C. Lodge No. 1414 to the Steel Lodge C. I. O. conference in Fresno.

President Steele of the Torrance lodge announced Monday that Harry Bridges will address steel lodges of Southern California in the Moose hall in Maywood Saturday night at 8 o'clock. This will be Bridges' first appearance before the G. L. O. steel groups in this area.



RATIONS BRING WAR HOME TO BRITONS... Here's a shopping scene in London, where a housewife presents a ration book for a share of butter. Each Britisher now is allowed four ounces weekly of bacon or ham, four ounces of butter and 12 ounces of sugar. The war thus is brought home to every Briton.

### Baccalaureate Service Sunday Opens Term-End School Ceremonies Here

Winter graduation events are holding the spotlight at Torrance high school, where a class of 42 is scheduled to receive diplomas Friday night, Feb. 1, and a class of 52 is to advance from Junior high into senior high school next Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 31, at 2 o'clock in the school assembly hall.

### 52 to Advance Into Sr. High

Fifty-two Junior high school students are expected to advance into the senior high school here at 2 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon. The tentative promotion list follows: Josephine Acero, Billy Baker, Leland Bender, Thomas O. Bishop, Jackie Cooke, Dane Daniels, Mary Dawson, Guy DeWitt, Gus Dodos, Joe Flores, Bob Fulton, Larry Gandy, Jacqueline Gibbeson, Susumu Honda, Mildred Chihori Ikezoe, Jacqueline Jackson, Harold Johnson and Sam Isami Kakida.

Virginia McElfresh, Betty Louise Magee, Billy Malin, Joe Marek, Marvin Meade, Robert Alden Michelson, Betty Jo Moorehead, Martha Masano Nakoaka, Marie Olson, Lorene Pearce, Stanley Pierson, Wallace Post, Alma Lewies Preston, Lawrence Prince, Jim Prowton, Ramona Putnam, Jacquelyn Rathbun and Catarina Riols.

Marion Robinson, Richard Ross, Fred Russell, Norma Kamiko Sawai, Robert Schimnick, Akiko Shimotani, Margaret Shultz, Newton Sleeth, George Tempo, Dorothy Treolar, Bill Trujillo, Gertrude Unger, Ray Veelick, Leroy Wallace, Dick Williams and Hikaru Yasunaga.

### Income Tax Advisors Due Here Shortly

If you want help in making out your Federal and State income tax returns—and who, outside of a C. P. A. doesn't—you should remember that a representative of the California Franchise Tax Commissioner will be at the Chamber of Commerce Feb. 8 and 9.

On Feb. 27 and 28 a deputy collector will be at the chamber headquarters to assist residents in preparation of their Federal income tax returns for 1939.

### Hour Parking To Be Revived

One-hour parking in the shopping district is to be enforced hereafter by the police department. The city council instructed Chief John Stroh Tuesday night to revive the ordinance limiting parking time and start issuing citations to those who garage their machines at curbs during the daytime.

To improve traffic conditions in the vicinity of the Perry school in North Torrance, Stroh's recommendation for erection of boulevard stop signs at Prairie avenue and 174th and 182nd streets was adopted by the council.

City Attorney John E. McCall was asked to prepare an ordinance defining special parking spaces for physicians and taxicabs in the downtown district.

### To Address Rotary

Dr. Martin Hall of Los Angeles will address members and guests of the Rotary club tonight on "The European Situation." He is a director of the German-American League for Culture.

### Motorist Hurt In Rear End Collision Here

While driving west on Torrance boulevard early Saturday morning, William E. Lawrenson of North Redondo Beach, ran his car into the rear end of a machine being driven in the same direction by John Mouzakis of Redondo Beach, according to police reports.

Lawrenson suffered cuts and bruises and was taken to his home by Frank Vansina, also of Redondo Beach, according to a report of the accident. Both his and Mouzakis' cars were badly damaged in the rear-end collision.

Poor brakes were blamed for a triple collision at Carson and Arlington avenues last Friday afternoon. Walter G. Dole, Hermosa Beach, driving on Arlington collided with a car being driven by Carson, driven by Roland R. Beadle of Torrance, when his foot and hand brakes failed to hold as he slowed down at the intersection. Mrs. J. D. Hardin of Torrance, who was also driving east on Carson was involved in the collision between Dole and Beadle's cars. Although the machines were damaged, no one was injured, according to police reports.

### Hit-Run Driver Has Trial Today

Twenty-four hours after he was reported to have sideswiped a car driven by Curtis Payne, 17197 Denker avenue, Gardena and failed to stop, Al Clark, 29, of Inglewood, was arrested on a warrant charging hit-and-run by local officers.

The collision occurred at 6:40 p. m. Sunday on Western avenue. When arrested Monday evening, Clark is reported by police to have readily admitted he struck Payne's car but claimed he did not think he had done any damage. Payne has submitted an estimate of repairs to cost \$475.

Clark was booked for hit-and-run driving, a misdemeanor, and was released on his own recognizance to appear for trial today.

### Want Buses to Transport Mail

Following a conference Monday with general superintendents of the National Supply Company, Columbia Steel Company and others vitally concerned with the curtailed mail schedules in effect here since the Pacific Electric discontinued passenger service Jan. 15, Frank J. West, chief clerk of the Railway Mail Service out of Los Angeles wrote the Postoffice department in Washington to this effect:

"That the new bus service was being instituted between Torrance and Los Angeles and that action was being taken by Postmaster Earl Conner to see what arrangements can be made to carry first class mail matter on these buses.

A further report will be made on the mail situation at the first possible date, Conner said.

### Highways Group Meets Tonight

A regular monthly dinner meeting of the Southwest District Highways Association will be held tonight at the Los Angeles Municipal Airport, commencing at 6:30 o'clock. Discussion at this session will concern the Los Angeles county road program for this area.

"It will be our endeavor to plan a future meeting with county officials similar to that held with the State Highway commission a few weeks ago," Mayor William H. Tolson, president of the association, said today.

### GRANTED LICENSE

D. C. Hilliard, 21922 South Main street, Torrance was granted a license to hold public dances at Donny's Place for a six months' period, on recommendation of the Los Angeles public welfare commission this week.

### WITNESSES' ASSEMBLY

The public is invited to attend the Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses at Long Beach Auditorium, Feb. 9, 10 and 11.

### If You Want Buses Attend Hearing

Tomorrow (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock will probably be the last opportunity for local citizens to voice their opinions regarding the granting of a franchise to the Asbury Rapid Transit System to operate buses between Los Angeles, Torrance, Lomita and Walthers. The hearing will be held at the Torrance City Hall, and everyone interested in the bus question should be present.

After the public hearing tomorrow, the matter will no doubt be referred to the entire State Railroad Commission in Los Angeles, where it is probable the arguments before that body will be made by attorneys and confined to mere technical matters.

So if you want the Asbury buses, come out Friday and tell Examiner Gorham. The impression you make will be carried to the Railroad Commission.

### Continue Bus Hearing After Long Session

No doubt could have lingered in the minds of Examiner William Gorham or the battery of attorneys arrayed at the public hearing called by the State Railroad Commission last Friday that there was a deep, concerned interest in bus transportation in Torrance, Lomita and Walthers. However, because only the proponents of bus transportation, as offered by the Asbury Rapid Transit System, were heard at the session which lasted until 6 o'clock in the Civic Auditorium, the hearing was continued until tomorrow (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock in the Torrance city hall when the opposition will have its innings.

More than 300 Attend  
Although the parade of witnesses in behalf of bus transportation to relieve this city's and Lomita's lack of public conveyance to and from Los Angeles was long and offered varied testimony, it was generally agreed by observers that the rigorous cross-examination by opposing attorneys wilted some of the arguments given by bus-proponents.

Examination of the witnesses, some 50 or 60 out of the crowd of more than 300 persons attending the hearing, was conducted mainly by Wallace L. Ware, attorney for the Asbury line which has been giving free transportation here since Jan. 15. He informed Examiner Gorham that the Asbury firm's application to meet the emergency that arose in Torrance and Lomita on that date following abandonment of Pacific Electric passenger service asked for two things:

"We are applying for an interim or temporary franchise to run a bus line between Narbonne and Highway 101 in Lomita, thru Torrance, to our northern terminus at 945 South Hill street. Our formal application will also include service to Walthers. We are also asking for a permanent franchise to continue this service," Ware stated.

**Asbury Testifies**  
The fares, he announced, would be 30 cents for one-way trips from Torrance to Los Angeles, 55 cents for round trips; between Torrance and Lomita, 10 cents each way; between Lomita and Los Angeles, 40 cents one-way, 70 cents round trip; commutation tickets would be issued for 12 rides between Torrance and Los Angeles for \$2.50, between Lomita and Los Angeles, \$3.

In addition to Ware, attorneys present were: Bart F. Wade for the Asbury line, Lester O. Luce, city attorney of Gardena, protestant; Orville A. Schulenberg, Motor Coach Corporation which was protesting the Asbury proposal for service on Narbonne in Lomita; K. Charles Bean and Stanley M. Lanham, representing the Los Angeles Board of Public Works, an interested party; Woodward W. Taylor and Max Utt, Los Angeles Railway, protestant; F. P. Landler, Landler Transportation Company, an interested party; Frank Carr and H. O. Marler.

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### FREE RIDES END; HEARING IS FRIDAY

Beginning today, the city of Torrance is in the passenger transportation business—at least temporarily in order that local residents will not be shut out from the rest of Southern California.

A resolution adopted by the Torrance city council Tuesday night provided for the leasing of three buses from the Asbury Rapid Transit System, which discontinued its free bus service last night, and instituting municipal service.

Further action by the council at an adjourned meeting late yesterday afternoon provided for the hiring of R. C. Cole, assistant manager of the Asbury firm, as supervisor of the city-leased line comprising three buses, five drivers (at 67½ cents an hour) and the route.

The buses have been leased at a cost to the city "of not more than \$100 a month" according to a resolution. No estimate has

### MUNICIPAL BUS FARES ANNOUNCED

The following are the fares being charged on the Torrance municipal buses from Walthers, Lomita and Torrance to 945 South Hill street in Los Angeles:

From Torrance to Los Angeles terminus, 30 cents;  
From Lomita or Walthers to Torrance, 10 cents;  
From Lomita or Walthers to L. A. 40 cents;

From Torrance to Manchester and Hoover, 20 cents;  
From Los Angeles to Manchester and Hoover, 7 cents;  
From Los Angeles to Imperial and Hoover, 10 cents;  
From Los Angeles to Torrance, 30 cents, and  
From Los Angeles to Lomita or Walthers, 40 cents.

No arrangements have been made as yet for commutation books at reduced fares.

been made of what it will cost the city to operate the line but an announcement of estimated expenses is expected to be made tonight at another adjourned meeting of the council. This session is called for 7 o'clock.

### Will Skirt Gardena

Meanwhile, the adjourned public hearing on the application of Asbury Rapid Transit for an interim or temporary permit to operate the Torrance, Lomita and Walthers route to Los Angeles was continued from today to tomorrow (Friday) at the request of Examiner William Gorham of the state Railroad Commission.

This continued hearing will begin at 10 o'clock Friday morning in the Torrance city council chamber. At that time those opposing the Asbury application will have an opportunity to "speak their piece" against granting any but a restricted permit to the Asbury firm.

However, the Torrance municipal line, which will serve Walthers and Lomita, and skirt the

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